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## CHICKENS& EGGS

**Maryland** laying flocks produced 74 million eggs during March 2002, of which 70 million were table eggs and 4 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 73.8 percent. The average number of layers on hand during March 2002 was 3,233,000. On April 1, 2002, 9.5 percent of all hens were being molted in Maryland and 34 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

**U.S.** egg production totaled 7.41 billion during March 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during March 2001. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,178 eggs in March 2001. All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2002, totaled 338 million, slightly higher than a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.60 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2002, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.94 billion eggs during March 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during March, at 316 million, was slightly higher than year earlier. Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 36.7 million, down 10 percent from March 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on April 1, 2002,

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down 11 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 237,000 during March 2002, down 17 percent from March 2001. The March 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 790 million, was up 2 percent from March of the previous year. There were 644 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 2002, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.8 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2002, up slightly from March 2001.



### Eggs and Layers: March 2001 and 2002

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
<b>Eggs Produced During March</b>		<b>.....Million.....</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Maryland	72	74	103
U.S.	7,336	7,412	101
<b>Layers, Average Number During March</b>		<b>.....Thousand.....</b>	
Maryland	3,164	3,233	102
U.S.	336,820	337,338	100
<b>Eggs / 100 Layers During March</b>		<b>.....Number.....</b>	
Maryland	2,276	2,289	101
U.S.	2,178	2,197	101

## MILK PRODUCTION

Maryland dairy operators produced 337 million pounds of milk during the January-March quarter, up 1.8 percent from the same 3 months a year earlier. The number of milk cows decreased by 1,000, and yield per cow averaged 4,110 pounds per cow for the period, 120 pounds per cow above 2001. United States milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from March 2001. Production per

cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,650 pounds for March, 51 pounds below March 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 2,000 head more than March 2001 and 1,000 head more than February 2002. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the January-March quarter was 9.11 million head, 38,000 head less than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION JANUARY-MARCH, 2001&2002					
State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		2002/2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousand		Million Pounds		Percent
Maryland	82	81	327	333	1.8
United States	9,143	9,105	41,267	42,271	2.4

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## DAIRY PRODUCTS

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 8.13 billion pounds, 1.6 percent below 2000 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 26.2 percent of the production. American type cheese production was 3.52 billion pounds, 3.4 percent below 2000 and accounted for 43.3 percent of total cheese in 2001. Italian varieties, with 3.33 billion pounds were 1.2 percent above 2000 production. Mozzarella accounted for 80.1 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone

with 7.5 percent and Ricotta with 7.1 percent. Wisconsin was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 28.5 percent of the production. Butter production in the United States during 2001 totaled 1.24 billion pounds, 1.5 percent below 2000. California accounted for 27.6 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 26.3 percent.

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARYLAND & UNITED STATES				
	MARYLAND		UNITED STATES	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
<b>Production</b>	-----1,000 Gallons -----			
Ice Cream Regular	20,264	19,577	882,104	869,153
Lowfat Ice Cream <sup>1</sup>	4,812	6,962	373,383	406,746

<sup>1</sup> Includes District of Columbia.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received for the month of April were mixed. The wheat price decreased seven cents to \$2.25 per bushel. The barley price was up eight cents to a price of \$1.64 per bushel. Soybeans moved up seven cents per bushel from last month's price of \$4.53 and corn was down three cents to \$2.22 per bushel. Livestock prices appeared were mostly down from March. Calf

prices were up to \$100.40 per cwt but beef cattle had a \$3.30 per cwt decrease. Hog prices decreased to \$29.60 per cwt.

Commodity	Unit	Maryland and Delaware			United States			Parity Price
		APR	MAR	APR	APR	MAR	APR	
		2001	2002	2002	2001	2002	2002 <sup>1</sup>	
		Dollars						
Wheat, Winter	BU	2.38	2.62	2.55	2.78	2.81	2.73	9.51
Corn	BU	2.14	2.25	2.22	1.89	1.94	1.86	6.44
Barley	BU	1.56	1.56	1.64	2.05	2.18	2.10	6.32
Soybeans	BU	4.26	4.53	4.60	4.22	4.38	4.38	14.10
All Hay, Baled	TON	112.00	152.00	148.00	99.00	91.40	99.90	----
Apples, Fresh	LB	-----	0.236	0.236	0.157	0.210	0.215	.475
All Beef Cattle	CWT	74.90	72.10	68.80	75.40	70.70	67.80	157.00
Calves	CWT	97.50	95.10	100.40	112.00	104.00	102.00	209.00
Hogs	CWT	41.30	34.10	29.60	47.80	36.00	30.50	101.00
Milk, Fluid MKT	CWT	14.00	14.50	14.00	14.60	12.70	12.50	32.70
Chickens <sup>2</sup>	LB	0.085	0.087	0.087	-----	-----	-----	-----
Broilers	LB	0.345	0.377	0.343	0.390	0.320	0.300	-----
Turkeys, Live	LB	-----	-----	-----	0.376	0.329	0.326	0.956
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.624	0.568	0.496	0.484	0.515	0.321	1.53

<sup>1</sup> Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price.    <sup>2</sup> Does not include broilers

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED			
INDEX AND RATIOS	UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 =100		
	APR	MAR	APR
	2001	2002*	2002
All Farm Products	106	*105	95
All Crops	103	117	100
Feed Grain & Hay	90	91	90
Oil- Bearing Crops	75	79	79
Fruits & Nuts	104	*92	86
All Livestock and Livestock Products	109	*95	90
Meat Animals	103	*92	87
Dairy Products	112	97	96
Poultry and Eggs	116	101	91
Ratio <sup>1</sup>	85	85	77
Prices Paid Index	124	123	123

\* Revised    <sup>1</sup> Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index prices paid

## POULTRY PRODUCTION

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2001, was \$24.0 billion, up 13 percent from the \$21.2 billion in 2000. Of the combined total, 70 percent was from broilers, over 18 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens. The value of broilers produced during 2001 was \$16.7 billion, up 19 percent from 2000. The total number of broilers produced in

2001 was 8.39 billion, up 1 percent from 2000. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2001 was 42.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2000. The 2001 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 39.3 cents per pound, compared to 33.6 cents per pound in 2000.

### POULTRY PRODUCTION & VALUE, MARYLAND & UNITED STATES 2000-2001 <sup>1</sup>

Eggs				Broilers <sup>2</sup>			
	Eggs Produced	Price/ Dozen	Value Of Production	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>-Million-</b>	<b>-Dollars-</b>	<b>-Thousand \$-</b>	<b>-1,000 head-</b>	<b>-1,000 #-</b>	<b>-Dollars-</b>	<b>-Thousand \$-</b>
<b>2000</b>	845	0.598	42,109	283,300	1,359,800	0.340	462,332
<b>2001</b>	870	0.607	44,008	287,800	1,381,400	0.400	552,560
<b>United States</b>	<b>-Million-</b>	<b>-Dollars-</b>	<b>-Thousand \$-</b>	<b>-1,000 head-</b>	<b>-1,000 #-</b>	<b>-Dollars-</b>	<b>-Thousand \$-</b>
<b>2000</b>	84,386	0.618	4,345,382	8,284,000	41,623,100	0.336	13,988,434
<b>2001</b>	85,702	0.622	4,444,864	8,386,200	42,430,600	0.393	16,687,602

<sup>1</sup> December 1, 2000, through November 30, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Broiler production including other domestic meat-type breeds.

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